POOR WOMAM TRIES TO DROWN HER CHILDREN

demented, made a desperate attempt to drown her four children this after-Mrs. Martin lived in Los Angeles, where her husband died two years ago, and she has worked hard to keep the little brood of four together. The children are Elmer, aged 13 years; than be separted from the children, and herself and, stark naked, with the Marshal Baker.

San Pedro, Feb. 12 .- Mrs. Hannah | baby in her arms, waded out in the wa-Martin, a middle-aged widow, sick and ter, trying to persuade the other children to follow. Her peculiar action attracted the attention of "Crawfish George," an old fisherman at the cove. who ran to town and got several citizens to accompany him to the scene They arrived in time to prevent the mother carrying out her plan, although she had the baby, Emma, under the Lens. 9; Louis, 4; and Emma aged 2, water when the rescuers arrived. The struggle was too hard and the au. The family were taken to a restaurant thorities were planning to put the and given the first food they had tasted children in an orphan's home. Rather for twenty-four hours. The woman ate but little, but the children ate as the unfortunate woman brought them though they were famished. A subto San Pedro this morning and selec- scrption of \$50 was raised in a few minted a secluded spot known as "Craw- utes, and the family was seent to Los fish George's Cove." She disrobed them | Angeles tonight in the charge of City

Officers Want Elder Bragdon

Head of Combination Must Answer to Serious Charges in Portland Courts.

Officer Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, is looking for Lauren Bragdon, the head of the famous Bragdon combination. Bragdon is wanted to answer to a charge of violation of the state law governing child labor. Mr. Hawley was in Astoria yesterday, but could not find his man, so returned to Portland. Bragdon has gone to Seattle, and he will be arrested there if Mr. Hawley's pursuit proves

The Oregon child labor law provides that no child under the age of 16 shall be employed before 6 a. m. or after 7 p. m., and it is charged Bragdon has violated this particular section of the law. It is also alleged that he is guilty of perjury. Some time ago, when the four Bragdons were showing in Portland, the society was informed that the children were under age. Bragdon is said to have made affidavits at the time that the three boys were his children and that all were over 16. This constitutes the perjury charge for which he is wanted.

The Portland authorities have also been anxious to secure Bragdon, because of the report reaching them that the children were at work in "an Astoria dive." This report is said by the Telegram to have been confirmed. As a matter of fact, the combination was engaged for a few weeks in a local concert hall on Astor street, but it is anything but a dive, and the children were not brought in touch with disreputable characters.

Bragdon, while here, made application to the county court to adopt the children. The petition shows that all three of the boys, whose present name is Wilbur, are under 16 years of age. Their parents live in New Jersey and the petition recites that they have failed to provide for the children. The matter is pending at the present time.

The state child labor commissioners have instituted the proceedings against

CATTLE CAN NOT BE SHIPPED.

But Range Men Are Greatly Encourag ed With Present Conditions.

Sacramento, Feb. 12.-Governor Pardee has telegraphed to James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, urging that he permit healthy cattle below the quarantne line in this state to be shipped to other states, on inspection by representatives of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. He has also telegraphed to the California delegation in congress to use all honorable means to secure this concession from the Federal authorities.

Dr. C. H. Blemer, state veterinarian. has recleved telegrams in response to inquirles sent out as to the condition in some of the counties below the quarantine line. From Ventura come the report that conditions have not been improved, very little rain having fallen. Stockmen in Monterey county telegraph that the situation has been great ly improved by the recent rains, and conditions at perent promise fairly well, San Luis county makes a similar re-

Los Angeles county cattlemen are somewhat encouraged, having had an inch of rain, but a greater rainfall is needed to insure feed for the stock.

Governor Pardee this morning received a telegram from Senator George C. Perkins, at Washington, stating that Secretary Wilson is willing to do anything reasonable to relieve the cattlemen of the danger that threatens their herds, but that he cannot remove the restriction against moving cattle to other states and territories. Late

reports received from agricultural department agents in southern California confirm Secretary Wilson in his refusal, Senator Perkins states,

DIES FROM EXCITEMENT.

Run on Bank Causes Aged Deposito to Fall Dead.

Oakland, Feb. 12 .- Exhausted by the excitement of the run on the Oakland Bank of Savings, where all the money he possessed was deposited, Patrick M Collins, one of the best known char acters of this city, died suddenly thi afternoon while seated in the Southern Pacific waiting room at Seventh street and Broadway. A few moments before his death Collins had entered the waiting room, complaining that he felt ill. As it was plain that the aged man was sick. Police Officer McCorley was notified and the patrol wagon was ralled to take the sufferer to the receiving hospital. Before the wagon ar rived Collins put his hand to his heart as if in pain and expired.

The deceased was a shoemaker by trade and was formerly employed by the Wentworth Boot & Shoe Company at the old factory near the Sixteenth street depot. He had resided in Oakland for nearly 30 years and was well known as "the whistler," from the peculiar habit he had of keeping his lips puckered as if whistling.

Collins was the first man on the Pa cific coast to teach the Chinese to mak shoes and from his teachings the grea Chinese shoe factories in San Fran cisco and other cities on the coast have For a number of years the deceased had resided at \$22 Lindea street with his wife, Mrs. Catherine Collins: his son, Thomas A. Collins. and a daughter, Mary E. Collins. An other son, Edward A. Collins, is an expressman, residing at 953 Thirty seventh street. A married daughter Mrs. M. Muntz, also resides in this

The remains were removed to the morgue and an inquest will be held to determine the cause of death.

Views of an Officer.

New York, Feb. 11 -"About all that can be said now is that while the Japanese have won the first battle, it does not settle anything," remarked Captain Alfred T. Mahan, in discussing the usefulness of the torpedo boat in warfare, as shown by the news from Port Ar-

"There is no absolute defense against attacks of the torpedo boat. Great viglance, in fact, a constant state of siege, the use of torpedo nettings and other appliances, may minimize the danger to fleet, but it has always to expect that unexpected lunge that it has no parry

"As to the engagements off Port Arthur, they do not settle anything. Neither sidee, in the light of my present information, has been sufficiently damaged to venture the statement that it has weakened."

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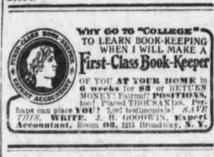
Tonight the society will meet in its present hall on Franklin avenue, East Astoria. An entertainment will be held, and the following program has been prepared:

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| | son, Martin Berg and Arne Vahl |
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| 1 | Reading Anton Indregard |
| , | Violin solo Arne Vahl |
| | Recitation C. Jardahl |
| | Reading Ed. Vik |
| 1 | Selection Orchestra |
| | Reading Mr. Valland |
| | Violin solo Lewis Akrem |
| | At the conclusion of the program |
| | refreshments will be served, and the |
| ı | affair will doubtless be most success- |
| | ful. No admission will be charged, but |
| | contributions will be asked for the re- |
| 1 | lief fund now being raised here for the |
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